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U. S. Food and Drug Administration

I am writing to urge the Food and Drug Administration to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured ever to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

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Thank you for your time. I look forward
to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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